

Mass Text for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8

Response:

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God

Second Reading: Thess 4:13-18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose,

MASS TIMES for the coming weeks

SATURDAY 11th November

Vigil Masses of 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30-4:50pm

St John's: 5 pm Noel Clifford's Intentions

English Martyrs: 6:30pm Pro Populo

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at English Martyrs 5:50-6:20pm)

SUNDAY 12th November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

English Martyrs: 9:00am Patrick and Mary Sexton RIP (P & T)

St John's: 11:00am Pro Populo

MONDAY 13th November

Mass at St Mary's East Hendred, 9.15am

TUESDAY 14th November

No Mass Today

WEDNESDAY 15th November

No Mass Today

THURSDAY 16th November—St Edmund of Abingdon

No Mass Today

FRIDAY 17th November

No Mass Today

SATURDAY 18th November

No Mass or Confessions this morning

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 18th November

St John's: 5pm Pro Populo

(Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.30pm)

English Martyrs: 6.30pm Deceased family of E Bailey

Sunday 19th November

English Martyrs: 9am Terry Hobin (anniv) (H Hobin)

St John's: 11am Pro Populo

Monday 20th November

Mass at St Mary's, East Hendred, 9.15am

Tuesday 21st November—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St John's: 9.30am Ken Nichol RIP (A Nichol)

Wednesday 22nd November—St Cecilia

English Martyrs: 9.30am Grace Emmanuel's Welfare (Ricardo)

English Martyrs: 7.30pm Extraordinary Form Latin Mass

Thursday 23rd November

St John's: 9.30am Deceased members of the Clifford family (N Clifford)

Friday 24th November

English Martyrs: 9.30am Deceased family and friends of the Wilson family (B Wilson)

Saturday 25th November—Our Lady on Saturday

English Martyrs: 9.30am (followed by confessions)



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12th November 2017

32nd and 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel. In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see Mark 2:19). In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see Hosea 2:16-20). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7-9; 21:1-4).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour.

We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God—virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see 1 Kings 17:16). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see Proverbs 8:22-31,35; 9:1-5), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet that will satisfy our souls.



In your prayers, please remember:

Jenny Evans, Amanda Gender, Christopher Almeida, Anna Pearce, Mary Guinan, Maureen Logan, Mary McCrystal, Margaret Goldsworthy, Sophia Farmer, Janina Krokowska, Ann Tomline, Terry Appleyard, Charlotte Pyatt, Val Claridge, Joan Russell, Audrey Edwards, and all the sick and housebound of the parish.

Forthcoming Youth Events in the Pastoral Area

Saturday 18th November -Pastoral Area Laser Kombat Oxford (Kassam Stadium) Trip for **Yr. 5 and over**, 3-5pm (TBC). Final prices for the group will be based on the number of people who sign up. RSVP at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and pay by **Saturday 11th November** please if you'd like to come along.

Advent Retreat Days

Saturday 2nd December (St Edmund's) - 2-4.30pm - 'Waiting for the coming of the Lord' - with Monsignor Andrew Burnham.

World Day of the Poor (19th November)

In November 2016 in his apostolic letter, Misericordia et Misera (Mercy and Misery), Pope Francis outlined his plans to establish a World Day of the Poor.

In his message of June 2017 he outlined the plans in more detail and asked Christians and people of all faiths to celebrate the day by making "every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance".

Following the Jubilee of Mercy, all are encouraged to help the marginalised and those in need not only in words, but in concrete deeds. This annual celebration will fall on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 19 November.

"The poor are not a problem". the Pope wrote in the statement. They are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel.

Remembrance Sunday

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 the guns of Europe fell silent. After four years of the most bitter and devastating fighting, The Great War was finally over. The Armistice was signed at 5am in a railway carriage in the Forest of Compiègne, France on November 11, 1918. Six hours later, at 11am, the war ended. The second Sunday of November is Remembrance Sunday. At 11am a two minute silence is observed at war memorials, cenotaphs, religious services and shopping centres throughout the country so that the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead. The Royal Family, along with leading politicians and religious leaders gather at The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London for a service and all branches of the civilian and

First Holy Communion

The first meeting will take place for parents and children on Tuesday 21st November, 6pm at English Martyrs Church. If you have not registered yet and would like your child to attend preparation, please contact the parish office.

Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale on 12th November—If you can donate prizes for the raffle, please complete the sheet at the back of church.

Also on the noticeboard at English Martyrs....The Baptist Church are asking for 54 'Christmas' boxes of biscuits for their Foodbank Donations. Please sign up on the sheet if you can help.

SVP FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CAKE HERE! - 25th/26th November

There will be a cake stall after Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses the weekend of 25th/26th November. If all you 'Bake Off' fans would like to donate a cake to be sold they would be very gratefully received. If you don't bake, perhaps you would come after mass and buy one. There will be some Christmas cakes as well as ordinary cakes.

There will also be a rather special Christmas cake to be raffled off.

DONATION OF TOILETRIES

The SVP are distributing toiletries to the local nursing homes.If you would like to donate a bar of soap, toothbrush, shampoo etc, to give a gift to the residents there will be a basket at the back of church until December 10th for distribution on the 11th. Thank you for your generosity.

SOUP LUNCHES

Mary's Meals—Double The Love an international campaign

To help hungry and impoverished children,we will be having a sale of Christmas table decorations and cakes in the entrance to both EM and St John's from December 16th. A sample arrangement will be on display in the entrance to each church in advance.

Thanks to the generosity of three generous donors, every pound raised during the appeal will be matched by a pound.....even more help for more hungry children.

Please see details on line—Marys Meals.org. uk.

Quiz Night—Please note—this event is now FULL. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Day of Reflection—A Day of Reflection will be held at Littlemore on 9th December, led by Fr Paul King. If you would like to attend please pass your name to the parish office.

Telephone Number for SVP

**If you know of anyone in need please call
07580539765.**

***Last week's Collection:
£1412***

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